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NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

**THE PENINSULAR & ORIENTAL
STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY'S
STEAMER KAISER-LIND.**

**FROM BOMBAY, COLOMBO AND
STRAITS.**

CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the above-
named Vessel are hereby informed
that their Goods are being landed and
placed at their risk in the HONGKONG
& KOWLOON WHARF and GODOWN COMPANY'S
Godowns at Kowloon, where each consign-
ment will be sorted out Mark by Mark and
delivery can be obtained as soon as the
Goods are landed.

This Vessel brings in Cargo:—
From London, &c., by S. S. Oceano.
From Penang, Ceylon, & B. I. S. Co. and
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Optimal Goods will be landed here un-
less instructions are given to the contrary
before 4 p.m. To-day.

Goods not cleared by the 28th Inst., at
p.m., will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by me
any one whatever.

All Damaged Packages must be left in
the Godowns and a certificate of the damage
obtained from the Godown Company within
ten days after the vessel's arrival here, after
which no Claims will be recognized.

NOTICE.

I HAVE This Day commenced BUSINESS
as a **GENERAL COMMISSION
AGENT.**

W. SHEWAN.

Hongkong, July 10, 1866. 1456

NOTICE.

WE Have This Day opened a BRANCH
of our Firm in YOKOHAMA for Busi-
ness in Rice and Wine Silk, &c., and
have authorized Mr. H. BENT to Sign
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} **HERBERT DENT & Co.**

Canton, 15th August, 1866. 1658

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"SWEET CAPORALS"—Boxes of
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500 or 1000.

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500 or 1000.

Hongkong, August 21, 1896. 1760

PINILLOS LINE OF STEAMERS.

STEAMSHIP CADIZ.

FROM LIVERPOOL

CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the above Steamer are hereby informed that their Goods have arrived from Singapore per **Scholar** and are being landed at their Office into the Co. wharves of the Hongkong & Kowloon Wharves and General Co., Ltd., at Kowloon, whence delivery may be obtained.

Cargo remaining undelivered after the 31st Instant will be subject to rent.

No. 1. Fire Insurance has been effected. Consignees are requested to present all Claims for damages and/or shortages not later than the 31st Instant, otherwise they will not be recognized.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by **JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Agents.**

Hongkong, August 19, 1896. 1698

NORTHERN PACIFIC STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

STEAMSHIP BRAEMAR.

FROM TACOMA, VICTORIA, YOKOHAMA, KODE AND SHANGHAI.

The above Steamer having arrived, Con-

TOBACCO—

"**MONSIEUR BRAND**"— $\frac{1}{4}$ lb Tins
 "PLAYERS' NASTY CUT"— $\frac{1}{4}$ lb Tins.
 "CAPSTAN"—Mild, Medium or Full 8 each. $\frac{1}{4}$ lb and $\frac{1}{2}$ lb Tins.
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 "WILLIS' BIRD'S EYE"— $\frac{1}{4}$ and $\frac{1}{2}$ lb Tins.
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HELM & WALSH, Ltd.,
 HONGKONG. 1718

THE PEAK.

PRIVATE BOARD AND RESIDENCE
 FOR A GENTLEMAN.
 Apply
 'X',
 Care of China Mail.
 Hongkong, August 8, 1896. 1693

To Let.

TO LET.

N. 22, BELILIOS TERRACE, from 31st AUGUST.
 Apply
 ON THE PREMISES.
 Hongkong, August 6, 1896. 1693

TO LET.

N. 3, STEWART TERRACE.

1080

their Goods from Singapore
 cargo impeding the discharge of the
 vessel will be landed and stored at Con-
 cepts' risk and expense.
DODWELL, CARLILL & Co.,
 Agents.
 Hongkong, August 21, 1898. 1598

ROOM HAMBURG, PENANG AND
SINGAPORE.
THE S.S. Krimhild, Capt. Th. Perott,
 having arrived from the above Ports,
 consignees of Cargo are hereby requested to
 call in their Bills of Lading for counter-
 signing by the Underigned, and to take
 immediate delivery of their Goods from
 the cargo.
 If no Cargo will be forwarded unless
 it to the contrary be given before
 10 P.M.
 If Cargo impeding her discharge will
 be landed into the Godowns of the Hore-
 & Kowloon Wharves & Godowns Co., Ltd.,
 stored at Consignees' risk and expense.
 Claims will be admitted after the
 4 have left the Godowns, and all Goods
 remaining undelivered after the 25th Inst.
 will be subject to rest.
 Broken, chafed, and damaged Goods
 will be left in the Godowns, where they
 will be stowed on Monday, the 24th
 at 8 p.m.
 Fire Insurance has been effected.
SLEMSSEN & Co.,
 Agents.
 Hongkong, August 18, 1898. 1590

TO LET.
STAMBOURNE VILLA NORTH,
 BONHAY ROAD.
DODWELL, CARLILL & Co.,
 Agents.
 HONGKONG, immediately above the
 10 GARDENS.
 Apply to
LINSTRAP & DAVIS.

Hongkong, June 12, 18 6. 1216
TO LET.
Nº: 4, MORRISON HILL.
 Apply to
G. G. ANDERSON,
 13, Praya Street.
 Hongkong, June 2, 1898. 1311
TO LET.
HOUSE No. 7, Des Voeux Villas,
 Peak, containing Six Bedrooms and
 Six Bathrooms.
HOUSES Nos. 1 and 2, BRACON-FIELD
ARCADE, facing Parrot Ground
ROOMS in BRACON-FIELD ARCADE.
HOUSES Nos. 14 and 22, BELLILLOS TER-
RACE.
GODOWNS in DUDLEY STREET.
 — Apply to
BELLILLOS & Co.
 Hongkong, August 15, 1898. 1 63
TO LET.
DWELLING HOUSES—
HOUSES in RIVER TERRACE
TOP FLOOR of No. 1, BLUR
BUILDINGS
No. 2, MAGDALEY TERRACE—
MAGNINE GAR.
TULABEG (Bungalow)—MAG-
NINE GAR.
GODOWNS in BLUE BUILDINGS
 Apply to
THE HONGKONG LAND INVEST-
MENT & AGENCY Co., Ltd.
 Hongkong, July 29, 1898. 223
TO LET.
5-ROOMED BUNGALOW 'RHEDA'
 BONHAY ROAD.
 Apply to
CHINA MERCHANTS & S. N. Co.,
 No. 101, Praya Street.

MONDAY, AUGUST 24, 1896.

HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY LIMITED.

The half-yearly meeting of the Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Co., Limited, was held this afternoon. Mr. J. Kinnear, Chairman, presided. There were also present: Messrs S. C. Michaelson, J. H. Lewis, N. A. Siebs, J. S. Van Buren, J. J. Bell-Irving, G. B. Dodwell (Directors), D. Gillies, (Chief Manager), T. I. Ross, (Secretary), T. Arnold, P. Jordan, C. S. Sharp, W. Parfitt, H. Wicking, F. Henderson, R. Mitchell, and Leira.

The Secretary read the notice calling the meeting.

The Chairman said:—Gentlemen, with your permission I will take the report which has been in your hands for some time as read. It is a great satisfaction to your Directors to be able to continue to lay before you such favourable results. When we met a year ago, we placed before you what was then described as a record report. Since then our figures have steadily increased, and according to the report we have now for appropriation the highly satisfactory sum of \$623,547.42. This enables us to again pay a dividend of 8 per cent. and a bonus of 4 per cent. to shareholders, to make a return of \$20,000, to Contributing Shareholders, write off some \$51,500, increase the Reserve fund to \$400,000, and carry forward about \$157,000 to new account. These figures speak for themselves, and I have but few comments to make on them. The \$200,000 passed to Reserve out of last account have been on fixed deposit with the Hongkong & Shanghai Bank for some time past, and our interest account, already reduced to a nominal amount at the debit, will, I trust, appear on the credit side of our next statement. A case of Salvage accounts for the marked increase in our Tonnage Earnings. The constant prosperity of this Company is not only a proof of the high class workmanship performed by our efficient staff, but is also a sign of the ever-increasing shipping trade of this Colony. Taking also into consideration the very low book value of our various establishments, I may safely say, that the prospects of this Company are very promising indeed. At Kowloon the new houses for the European employees are approaching completion, while the buildings for same purpose at our Cosmopolitan establishment are already finished. At Cosmopolitan Dock, some work of extension is going on, while at Kowloon, with a view to relieve the pressure of work, and to meet the increasing wants of our constituents, your Directors have under consideration certain schemes for adding largely to the facilities of that establishment. The negotiations with the Government for the construction of a new wharf at Kowloon have been broken off, our proposals have been declined by the Admiralty. Mr. Wicking, Mr. Chairman and gentlemen, in the past half-year's report, I think some provision was made to compensate the working staff of the Docks for the large amount of overtime they worked, but I see no provision of that kind made in this half-year's report. I think the men are well satisfied.

The Chairman—This is always done at the end of the year, and will surely be taken into consideration.

Mr. Wicking—I hope it will. It is only just to the men who have made during the past half-year. I can heartily endorse the remarks made by Mr. Wicking about the staff that the Directors should take into consideration the work they have done. In looking only at the fact that the figures of this time last year it is marvellous to see how the prosperity of the Company has not only been maintained but also increased. One would like to believe, to see this state of affairs continue, but shareholders are glad to see the Directors putting something by for a rainy day and increasing the reserve fund. I beg to second the adoption of the report and passing of the accounts.

Agreed unanimously.

The Chairman—Gentlemen, this is all the business. I thank you very much for your attendance. Dividend warrants will be ready tomorrow.

At the previous Opening, Bonds, Books and Eagles—W. Robinson & Co.

Mr. Wicking—May I kiss you? Sir, I decline to commit myself.

You have been living too high, said the physician. "You'll have to stop it," I read that, was the reply. "There's a cent for you. Now I won't be a doctor any more."

Mr. So you visited Pampol? She Oh yes—How did you like it? She—Well, I must say I was actually disappointed in the place. Of course it was beautifully situated and all that, but it was a perfectly fair place.

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SIR WILLIAM ROBINSON AS A PUBLISHER.

We observe in London newspapers an advertisement of a 'Great Press Enterprise' founded to promote the Unity and Prosperity of the British Empire, and of the English-speaking race everywhere, and registered by special permission of Her Majesty's Government. This great enterprise is entitled 'The Imperial Press (Limited)'. It has a capital of £25,000, divided into shares of £1 each. The General Committee comprises civil, naval, and military officials and officers, with a few civilians, and includes Sir William Robinson, K.C.M.G., Governor of Hongkong. There is an Executive Committee of four: 'Francis George Heath, Esq., Underwood, Kent Gardens, Surrey' is the leading member, and, apparently, the intention of this publishing company, floated under somewhat novel conditions and with the cordially-expressed sanction and blessing of Mr. Joseph Chamberlain and Lord Charles Beresford, is to acquire the business of the 'Francis George Heath's Publication Syndicate (Limited)'. It will publish books, 'The Imperial Library', it will publish a new magazine entitled 'The Imperial Magazine', and it will undertake, as occasion may arise, the issue of other publications, whether daily, weekly, or monthly, which may be conducive to the moral, educational, material, and social prosperity of the English-speaking race in all parts of the world. It will be a sort of co-operative publishing company, aiming at a fair distribution of profit between the book producer and the book retailer. 'The Imperial Magazine' will be a profusely illustrated sixpenny monthly, and on this venture alone the promoters expect to pay 20 per cent.—possibly more, of course. The first volume to the 'Imperial Library' will be entitled 'Imperial Defence' by Sir George Sydneyham Clarke, R.E., K.C.M.G. We hope Sir William Robinson will take advantage of his co-operative society to publish, at an early date, from his able pen, a volume on 'The military contribution of Hongkong,' following up with another on 'How the Colonial Office seeks to promote Unity and Friendly Feeling with the Colonies,' with special application to Hongkong, and special chapters on 'How to trim the Chieftains,' 'The duties of a Colonial Secretary,' and 'How to run a Colony by Proxy.' We wish Sir William every success in his bookkeeping venture.

REUTERS' TELEGRAMS.

(SPECIAL TO THE 'CHINA MAIL'.)

LONDON, August 21, 1896.

THE LORD CHIEF JUSTICE IN THE UNITED STATES.

The Lord Chief Justice (Lord Russell of Killowen), addressing the Law Congress at Saratoga, vigorously advocated arbitration in a large majority of international questions. The address was undoubtedly prompted by a desire to promote friendship between Great Britain and the United States.

(Special to the 'N. C. Daily News'.)

THE FORKSHORE QUESTION AT CHEFOO.

Chefoo, 18th August.

The Russians occupied the disputed forkshore on Saturday, and began digging foundations. Messrs Ferguson & Co. applied for an injunction restraining them, but were refused.

WEATHER NOTICE.

The following was issued by the Hongkong Observatory:—

On the 24th at 11.15 a. The barometer has risen in the extreme North, fallen slightly in Japan and along the China Coast and remains steady at Bolinao. Pressure seems to be lowest in an area lying in the Pacific to the E. of the Bashi Channel.

Forecast—Light N. and variable winds; generally fair but probably some showers.

SUPREME COURT.

IN CRIMINAL SESSIONS.
(Before His Honour J. W. Carrington, Chief Justice.)

Monday, August 24.

PROTECTION OF GIRLS.

Lo Cheuk Lam was charged with committing certain offences under the Women and Girls Protection Ordinance. The charge comprised six counts, and on each of these the defendant pleaded not guilty.

The following jurors were sworn: Messrs F. F. Santos, C. J. Schmeisser, N. J. Richardson, S. W. Hayward, H. J. M. de Piqueredo, C. H. W. Kew, and J. B. Cousins.

Hon. H. E. Pollock, Acting Attorney General (represented by Mr. A. B. Johnson, Crown Solicitor), conducted the prosecution. Mr. J. J. Francis, Q.C. (instructed by Mr. J. Hastings), appeared for the defence.

At the conclusion of the evidence for the prosecution, Mr. Francis spoke to the unsatisfactory nature of the evidence of the principal witness in regard to her age, the girl having made different statements at the Magistrate's and before the Court.

After the closing had been argued by the Acting Attorney General and Mr. Francis, the Chief Justice directed the jury to bring in a verdict of not guilty.

This was accordingly done, and the defendant was discharged.

Scores by all the famous writers at 4 for 81—W. Robinson & Co.

Mr. Bloomers seem to be going out this season. "Yes," they are on their last legs.

Miss Lundy—I have only one friend, my sister-in-law. Miss Lundy—Why don't you get another dog?

CORRESPONDENCE.

WHERE ARE THE SCHOOL-BOYS TO PLAY CRICKET IN HONGKONG?

To the Editor of the 'CHINA MAIL'.

Hongkong, 24th August, 1896.

SIR,—At the distribution of prizes at the Diocesan School in January last, the attention of His Excellency the Governor was drawn to the fact that no convenient and proper ground could be found for the use of boys of the Diocesan Home, St. Joseph's College and Victoria English School for cricket and football.

The ground, which has hitherto been used is a piece of uneven, rough and barren ground, popularly known as 'Breezy Point,' which besides being small (only one moderate hit being used to send the ball rolling down the precipice into the open road), is altogether unfit for cricket and football purposes.

His Excellency, in his speech, acknowledged the non-existence of a fit ground, but was so good as to promise to take into his favourable consideration the suggestion of the Head Master of Diocesan School for the levelling and improvement of Breezy Point so as to render it fit for a play ground.

As a school-boy and a cricketer, I have been anxiously waiting for the fulfilment of this promise, but have been, with many others, disappointed. The ground is in a better condition than it was in the past, but the Governor's speech referred to above.

Being a busy man, such a small matter might have escaped the notice of His Excellency, and I, therefore, do not think it out of place to insert this in order to state that the cricket season is now rapidly approaching.

It cannot be denied that a good and convenient ground is one of the main points to be considered by the school cricketers, and His Excellency, being a good cricketer himself, is aware. I do not think, besides, that the improvement of the ground would cost much to the Diocesan Government.

I would also mention that it was some time ago rumored that it was the intention of the Government to 'enclose' the Borrowing Grounds for the use of school-boys for cricket, but this has also come to nothing.

Even the ground at Happy Valley—the part kept separate for public use—is in no fit state for cricket, having no one to look after it.

Where then, Mr. Editor, are we school-boys to find a decent ground to play cricket, the game we love so well?

Apologizing for the length of this letter which the importance of the subject renders necessary, and thanking you in anticipation for its insertion in your influential paper.—Yours faithfully,

A BOY CRICKETER.

FOURTH GYMKHANA MEETING.

Patrons—His Excellency Sir William Robinson, K.C.M.G., His Excellency Major-General Bick, C.B., Commodore G. T. Beyer, R.N.

Committee—Mr. R. Alexander, R.B. Hon. J. J. Bell-Irving, Mr. H. B. Buck, Capt. Burney, R.A. Mr. T. F. Hough, Capt. Loveband, A.D.C., Mr. J. McKie, Mr. A. S. Mannors, Mr. G. C. O. Master, Mr. H. Nugent, R.N., Lt.-Col. The Governor, D.A.A.G., Capt. Raddcliffe, R.E., Commander Tarrant, R.N., Hon. T. H. Whitehead.

Judges—Hon. J. J. Bell-Irving and Mr. H. B. Buck, Mr. T. F. Hough, R.A. Starter—Capt. Burney, R.A. Timekeeper—Mr. J. McKie.

Clerk of the Scales—Mr. R. Alexander, R.B. Hon. Treasurer—Capt. Raddcliffe, R.E. Hon. Secretary—Lieut.-Col. The Governor, D.A.A.G.

On Saturday afternoon the fourth gymkhana meeting of the season, which had been postponed from the 8th August, was held at the Happy Valley. There was a large attendance of spectators, including H.E. the Governor and Major-General Bick.

During the afternoon the band of the Rifle Brigade played selections of music. There were five items on the programme and these were got through in fairly good time. In the Service Handicap event the race all to himself and the interest centred in the close finish for second place, *Simple Simon* getting home half-a-length in front of *Arcturion*.

The Distance Handicap was won by Mr. Whitehead's *Pizar*, whose jockey gained the special prize for the ladies' nomination, he being nominated by Mrs. J. J. Francis. There was great competition in the dog race. In the steeplechase Mr. Grayson's was riding *Arcturion*, having refused the first hurdle. Beyond a drenching Mr. Grayson escaped unhurt.

The Mile Handicap was productive of a very spirited race, the ponies keeping well together right up to the straight. Mr. Noble's *Grey Leg* came away after this and won a keenly-contested race. Results—

NOVICES HANDICAP: first prize presented by the Hon. E. R. Bellios, C.M.G.; second, £50; third, \$100; live to start or no third prize. Once round.

Surg.-Capt. Edge's *Planet*, 11st. 7lbs. (Capt. Burney) 1
Mr. Forbes's *Simple Simon*, 11st. 7lbs. (Mr. Thompson) 2
Captain Loveband's *Arcturion*, 12st. 0lb. (Capt. Loveband) 3

Mr. C. H. Thompson's *Planet*, 11st. 7lbs. (Mr. Grayson) 0

NEW STOCK OF Pianos and Repairing Materials—W. Robinson & Co.

Distance Handicap: first prize, £50; second prize, \$100; third prize, \$100; fourth to save his skin; distance, one mile; live to start or no fourth prize.

Mr. Whitehead's *Pizar*, 11st. 7lbs. (Mr. Jones) 1
Mr. Donnan's *Throstle*, 11st. 7lbs. (Mr. Jones) 2
Capt. Loveband's *Arcturion*, 12st. 0lb. (Capt. Loveband) 3

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Mr. Graham's *Water Experto*, 12st. 0lb. (Mr. Grayson) 0

Mr. Master's *Planet*, 11st. 7lbs. (Mr. Grayson) 0
Mr. C. H. Thompson's *Planet*, 11st. 7lbs. (Mr. Grayson) 0

Mr. Potts's *Subscription Gift*, 11st. 7lbs. (Mr. Grayson) 0
Mr. W. Jackson's *Tonshane*, 11st. 7lbs. (Mr. Grayson) 0

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SPECIAL PRIZE: each rider may be nominated by lady, whose name should be handed in by him at the time of weighing; first nominee past the post at the finish to win.

NOMINATIONS.

Friar (Mr. Grayson), Mrs. Jones.
Xerxes (Capt. Loveband), Miss A. Jackson.
Water Experto (Mr. Graham), Mrs. Richardson.
Major (Mr. Long), Miss Mary Masters.
Vicar (Mr. Jones), Mrs. J. J. Francis.
Pegasus (Mr. Thompson), Mrs. Vernon.

The special prize awarded in the distance handicap was won by Mr. Jones, who was nominated by Mrs. J. J. Francis.

DOG RACE: first prize, \$10; second prize, \$7; third prize, \$3; post carries free. Conditions—The dogs to be held by a string 100 yds. from their nominators or masters; each to be 'slipped' on the word 'go.' The first dog to reach his nominator or master to win.

The nominator to provide the 'slipper.' Sergeant Frost, R.A. 1
Mr. Forbes 2
Private Raddcliffe, R.E. 3

Eugene Spies, Hon. J. J. Bell-Irving, Private Dillon, Private Harse, Mr. Plinston, Mr. Webster, Surgeon-Captain Edge, Private Brown, Private Duggan, Mr. Hastings, Mr. Hughes, and Mr. Davis also sent dogs for competition.

STEEPLECHASE: over the rough and uneven course as selected by the Committee. First prize, £20; second prize, £10; third prize, £10; live to start or no third prize.

Mr. Whitehead's *Kingship*, 11st. 10lbs. (Mr. Jones) 1
Capt. Loveband's *Xerxes*, 11st. 12lbs. (Owner) 2
Capt. Burney's *Planet*, 11st. 10lbs. (Owner) 3
Capt. Loveband's *Arcturion*, 12st. 0lb. (Mr. Grayson) 0

Mr. Salmond's *C.C.*, 11st. 10lbs. (Owner) 0
Miss Jockey allowance.

MILE HANDICAP: first prize presented by the Hon. J. J. Bell-Irving; second prize, £20; third prize, \$10; five starters or no third prize.

Dr. Noble's *Grey Leg*, 11st. 6lbs. (Mr. Jones) 1
Mr. Potts's *Vigilant*, 11st. 5lbs. (Mr. Master) 2
Mr. Nugent's *Arcturion*, 10st. 9lbs. (Mr. Bolen) 3
Mr. Hart Buck's *Fallopier*, 10st. 12lbs. (Owner) 0
Mr. Whitehead's *The Lord*, 11st. 4lbs. (Mr. Grayson) 0

THE STRANDING OF THE GAELIC.

Shimonoseki, August 14.
At daylight, on the 13th inst., as the O. & A. steamer *Quail*, Captain Farnes, was approaching Shimonoseki, Walker was sent to meet the ship.

The ship was drawing 24 feet, and the tide was about half ebb, and it was running with unusual force (the ebb tide runs in by here into the Inland Sea). About 300 yards from the shore, the ship struck a rock, which caused her to list to starboard.

She had passed the Naraki Rock, or Green Beacon, and while rounding Kibuki point under her starboard helm to clear Yodohbi Island, the ship struck a rock, and the tide was about half ebb, and it was running with unusual force (the ebb tide runs in by here into the Inland Sea).

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THE OPENING OF THE WEST RIVER.

The following correspondence is sent us by the Secretary of the Chamber of Commerce:—

Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce.

4th August, 1896.

My Lord Marquess,—This Chamber is aware of the fact that negotiations are and have been for a good many months in progress with the Chinese Minister to Great Britain for the opening up of the West River and other inland waterways of Kwangtung to foreign trade and steam navigation.

I venture to ask your Lordship on behalf of the Committee, whether there is any progress to report in these negotiations. The great interest felt in this colony in this question must constitute my excuse for troubling you with this letter on the subject. I have the honour to be, my Lord, your most obedient humble servant.

A. McCONAGHIE, Chairman.

To the Most Noble the Marquess of Salisbury, K.G., &c., H.B.M.'s Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs.

Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce.

4th August, 1896.

Sir,—My Committee will feel greatly obliged if your Excellency can furnish any further information, since their interview with you in April last, of the progress of the negotiations with the Chinese Government in reference to the opening to foreign trade and steam navigation of the inland waterways of the Two Kiang provinces.

A similar application has been addressed to the Chinese Government, acting under the authority of the Chinese Minister to Great Britain, a copy of which I beg to forward for your Excellency's information. I have the honour to be, Sir, your most obedient servant.

R. CHAPPELLER WILCOX, Colonial Secretary's Office, 12th August, 1896.

Sir,—With reference to your letter of the 2nd March I am directed to inform you that the Chinese Government, acting under the authority of the Chinese Minister to Great Britain, has paid to Her Majesty's Consul at Canton the sum of \$2,182.52, being the amount of the claim preferred on behalf of Mr. John Andrew for losses caused by the theft of the Chinese Government's property.

I have the honour to be, Sir, your most obedient servant.

J. H. STEWART LOCKHART, Colonial Secretary.

The Secretary, Chamber of Commerce.

LATE TELEGRAMS.

(Rangoon Gazette.)

THE MOONING STATION.

Singapore, August 6.—The following in the Home-Indian troping programme for the ensuing season:—The *Britannia* 2nd October with 4th Hussars and 3rd Field Battery R.A. The *Victoria* on 16th October with 3rd Hussars and 3rd Field Battery R.A. The *Victoria* on 16th October with 3rd Hussars and 3rd Field Battery R.A.

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New Issue.				\$41.10/
Bank of China & Japan, Limited (preference shares)	39,950	£	5	50.00.
" " " " (ordinary shares)	1,200	£	10	122, buyers
" " " " (dated)	1,200	£	10	8 1/2, sellers
National Bank of China, Limited.		£		
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Strait Insurance Co., Ltd.	30,000	£	10	50/257, sellers
Union Insurance Society, Ltd.	10,000	£	25	50/250, sellers
Yangtze Insurance Association, Ltd.	8,000	£	100	50/145
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Do. (now issue)	20,000	£	10	all \$28, sellers
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Dangerous or perishable goods, articles likely to injure the Mails, Liquors (unless securely packed) or parcels easily crushed, such as band-boxes, are prohibited. No Parcel can be received if its value exceeds \$500.

A Parcel may contain a letter to the same address as that of the Parcel itself, or another Parcel to the same address. No other enclosures are allowed.

With regard to inward Parcels, addresses are requested to observe that the Parcel Mail is not opened until the ordinary distribution of letters, &c., is finished. The postage on Parcels of 1 lb. or more is 10 pence, the Regulations are generally similar to the above, and the Parcels are sent out via Gibraltar.

Indemnity for the Loss of a Registered Article.

The Post Office is not legally responsible for the safe delivery of Registered correspondence, but it is prepared to make good the contents of such correspondence lost while passing through the Post, to the extent of \$10, in certain cases, provided:—

1. That the letter was securely enclosed in a reasonably strong envelope.

2. That the letter was made to the Postmaster General of Hongkong immediately the loss was discovered, and within a year at the most from the date of Posting.

3. That the Postmaster General is satisfied that the loss occurred whilst the correspondence was in the custody of the British Postal administration in China, that it was not caused by any fault on the part of the sender, by destruction by fire, or shipwreck, nor by the dishonesty or negligence of any person not in the employment of the Hongkong Post Office.

4. No compensation can be paid for more damage to fragile articles such as portraits, watches, handkerchiefs, and books, &c., which reach their destination, although in a broken or deteriorated condition. Nor on account of the loss of the contents of Registered covers which have reached their destination. Nor on account of any article for which the addressee has signed a receipt.

When correspondence has been misdirected or delayed, which is liable to happen occasionally, all that the addressee need do is to note on the cover, sent to the Post Office, or received at 7 p.m., or as the case may be, and forward it, without any other writing whatever, to the Postmaster General. The loss should be taken at first time cause of complaint occurs; it is a mistake to let such matters pass for fear of giving trouble, a course which generally gives more trouble in the end.

Money Orders.

(Office Hours—Sundays and holidays excepted) 10 to 4, Saturdays 10 to 1, but the office is open from 10 to 5 on the working day next to any day for Europe, which leaves at noon.

(Money orders cannot be issued or cashed on mail mornings, when closing mails for Europe, night mail.)

1.—Money Orders are issued at Hongkong and Shanghai at current rates of exchange on the following Countries and places:—

Canada.

China Ports (Hankow, Canton, Swatow, Amoy, Foochow, Ningbo, Hankow, and Shanghai).

Ceylon (Sunderland Islands).

British India (including Burmah and the Agencies of the Indian Post Office in the Persian Gulf).

Japan (Yokohama, Osaka, Kobe, Kio, Yokohama and Hakodate).

New South Wales.

British North Borneo.

Queensland.

Siam (Bangkok only).

South Australia.

British Settlements (Singapore, Penang and Malacca).

Taiwan.

United Kingdom.

Victoria.

United States of America.

Foreign Countries:—

Austria-Hungary.

Belgium.

Bulgaria.

Danmark (including Iceland and Faeroe Islands).

Danish West Indies.

Egypt.

German Empire (including Holland and the Netherlands).

Holland.

Italy (with Agencies at Tripoli, Assab, and Massawa).

Norway.

Orange Free State.

Portugal (including Madeira and the Azores).

Roumania.

Sweden.

Switzerland.

Tanzania.